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Dear Mr. Bort:

This letter confirms our conversation held on May 20, 1985 regarding the status of the feasibility study being performed by Heston Engineers under subcontract with Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. and the U.S. EPA. As we discussed, the Agency is in the process of concluding intense negotiations with the Reilly Tar Corporation and these negotiations are being coordinated by a Special Master assigned to the case by the Court. As a result of the settlement efforts made by all litigants and for the purpose of mitigating current and future Governmental costs that would otherwise be chargeable through the litigation process to the Reilly Tar Corporation, the Agency requests that you stop work on the existing feasibility study for this site as soon as possible. Thereafter, the contract should remain effective for a short period of time until all outstanding issues are settled by the parties involved in the litigation. If total settlement is not imminent with the Reilly Tar Corporation and there is need to work again, I realize that there will be a lag-time necessary on part of the contractors performing the study on the site.

If a comprehensive settlement occurs it will be necessary for me to write the Enforcement Decision Document for which I could continue to use your services in drafting the report and possibly producing some graphics.

I appreciate your response to our needs thus far and will keep you frequently informed of the status of the negotiations.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Bitter
Remedial Project Manager

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